

VIRGINIA ROOM RESOURCE GUIDE

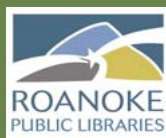
The Virginia Room holds the public library's collection of historical and genealogical research resources. A non-circulating research library, we comprehensively collect materials for the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Roanoke Valley. This includes items relating to the entire state, and to a lesser degree, those states which are closely tied to Virginia and its people by birth, immigration, migration or by boundary divisions. We are committed to connecting people with the information they seek.

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**ROANOKE PUBLIC
LIBRARIES**
COLLECTION GUIDE

Genealogical Research

Surnames

Family Histories
Biography Files
Cemetery Records

Virginia Vital Records

Vital Statistics and court records by county.
Bureau of Vital Statistics

**Coverage varies by county.*



Births, 1853-1896
Marriages, 1853-1940
Deaths, 1853-1896
Roanoke city deaths,
1894-1909
Roanoke City &
Environs death
certificates, 1919-1923

Directories

Roanoke City,
1888- present
Virginia Business
1871, 1884, 1893, 1897, 1917

Census Records

Every Virginia census
Print indexes and soundexes
Various censuses (primarily antebellum)
for 24 states and the District of Columbia.

Parish and Vestry Records

Military Histories

Revolutionary War, War of 1812
Pension & land grant abstracts and records
Civil War

Regimental Histories
Roster of Confederate Soldiers, 16 volumes
Index to Compiled Service Records
World War II, Roanoke Valley Veterans
3 volumes, index

Online Family History Databases

Ancestry Library Edition - available at
any Roanoke Public Libraries branch.
Heritage Quest - use from any computer with
your RVL Library Card.
See "Services and Fees" for instructions.

*Gilly L. Bush, Confederate veteran. Roanoke, VA
Davis Photographic Records*

Historical Research

Virginia State Histories

County, Regional and Subject Histories Periodicals

Swem's Virginia Historical Index and associated
periodicals
Virginia history related journals and newsletters

Vertical Files (by subject)

Pamphlets (by subject)

Manuscript & Records Collections

Primarily genealogical

Photographs

**Images of early Roanoke and its citizens.*

Davis Photographic Records
Parker Studio Photographic Records
Underwood & Underwood Aerial
School Yearbooks (various schools and years)



Maps

State and County (historic and modern)
USGS topographical
Sanborn Insurance

Virginia Y. Lee African American Collection

Available at the Gainsboro Branch Library.
Includes extensive holdings in fiction and
non-fiction, by and about African Americans.
Titles can be found in the online catalog.
Contact the library at (540) 853-2540.

*City market building on Market Square, ca 1890's.
Davis Photographic Records.*

Newspapers

Newspapers (on microfilm)

Virginia Gazette, 1736-1780
Name and subject index
Big Lick and Roanoke
(various papers, 1869-1912)
Roanoke Times, World News 1889-present
Roanoke Tribune, 1999-present (boxed)
Herald of the Valley, Fincastle, 1820-1823
Floyd Press, 1944-1990
Lynchburg (various papers), 1809-1885
Salem Times Register, 1866-1868, 1909,
1934-present (gaps)

Obituary Indexes for Roanoke Times and Roanoke World News

April 1923- June 1950
January-June 1988, 1989
1990-present, available at www.roanoke.com
(click on "Archives")

Services & Fees

Services

Staff provides assistance to researchers.
The Virginia Room offers free genealogy
classes and sponsors lectures on history and
genealogy. Interlibrary Loan service for
books and microfilm is available. Research
queries are welcome. Allow a minimum of
two weeks for response time. Contact us for
more information.

Fees

Photocopies, \$.10 per copy
Microfilm Reader/Printers, \$.25 per copy
Research queries, \$1.00 minimum fee

Heritage Quest. Log on using your RVL Library Card:

Go to www.roanokeva.gov/library.
Scroll to the bottom of the page.
Click on "Library Internet Resources."
Click on "Heritage Quest."
Type in your 13 digit library card number.
Click on "Access."